name was Giles and that Doll Barthram had sent him Where-
upon when one John Sheereman replied that he should not have
her lif e, the spirit said, ' *I* will have thine then , I come to thee ,
I come * , and with that offered towards him to the great
astonishment and fear of him and the rest present But for that
time he vanished away

This maid was again and again tormented by the spirit, and
thrown so violently against the wall as if it would have driven
out the side of the chamber, and cast into a strange fit , her
head and body were bent backwards almost to her hips She
lay as it were dead Her teeth were so fast closed that a man
could not open them though with all his strength he assayed it
with his dagger and a key Nor would she move though a stiff
dry rush was thrust into her nostrils, neither at the bending of
her fingers, nor yet at a great quantity of *aqua vitae* which was
poured into her mouth At last she opened one of her eyes,
gazing therewith very strangely, then the other, crying, *f* *O*
Barthram, thou hast killed me.[3]

COURT RUMOURS

There is no news of the Irish wars, all advertisements thence
being prohibited, and such news as comes to the Council care-
fully concealed , yet is it feared that our part hath little success,
having lost many captains and whole companies My Lord of
Essex is now preparing to go against Tyrone , 3,000 are to go
from Chester this week and 2,000 more are levying My Lord
hath little grace at Court The Queen is quite averted from
"him and is wholly directed by Mr Secretary, who now rules all
as his father did , though he pretends friendship to my Lord,
he is thought at heart to be his greatest enemy, envying his
former greatness with the Queen and intending

his utter over-
throw if the Insh affairs take no better effect* My Lord dis-
sembles his discontent and shows so dejected a mind as to
attempt nothing without direction, and labours to soothe and
flatter Mr Secretary. The common people still favour my
Lord, hoping by his means to be freed from their intolerable
exactions , but if they saw Inm in adversity, they would respect
him no more than they did the late Duke of Norfolk. They
would follow any who would be more likely to procure them